

(Enters APARNA.)

*Aparna*

Where is Jaising ?

*Raghupati*

Away, evil omen. (APARNA goes out.)

But if Jaising never comes back ?

No, he will not break his promise.

Victory to thee, Great Kali, the giver of all success!—But if he meet with

obstruction ? If he be caught and lose his life at the guards' hands ?—

Victory to thee, watchful Goddess,

Mother invincible ! Do not allow thy repute to be lost, and thine enemies

to laugh at thee. If thy children

must lose their pride and faith in

their Mother, and bow down their

heads in shame before the rebels, who

then will remain in this orphaned

world to carry thy banner ?—

I hear his steps, But so soon ? Is he com-